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CHAPTER 41

## **HOUSE BILL 2164**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-1974; AMENDING SECTION 36-135, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO IMMUNIZATIONS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 32, chapter 18, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 32-1974, to read:

32-1974. Pharmacists: administration of immunizations, vaccines and emergency medications; certification; reporting requirements; list of prescription only medications: advisory committee; definition

- A. EXCEPT AS PRESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION G OF THIS SECTION, A PHARMACIST WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER AND WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION MAY ADMINISTER THE FOLLOWING TO ADULTS WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION ORDER PURSUANT TO RULES AND PROTOCOLS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION:
- 1. IMMUNIZATIONS OR VACCINES LISTED IN THE UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S RECOMMENDED ADULT IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE.
- 2. IMMUNIZATIONS OR VACCINES RECOMMENDED BY THE UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S HEALTH INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.
- B. A PHARMACIST WHO WISHES TO ADMINISTER IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION MUST BE CERTIFIED TO DO SO BY THE BOARD. THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO A PHARMACIST WHO MEETS BOARD REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.
- C. A PHARMACIST WHO IS CERTIFIED TO ADMINISTER IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY ADMINISTER EMERGENCY MEDICATION TO MANAGE AN ACUTE ALLERGIC REACTION TO AN IMMUNIZATION OR VACCINE.
- D. A PHARMACIST WHO ADMINISTERS AN IMMUNIZATION, VACCINE OR EMERGENCY MEDICATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST:
- 1. REPORT THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE PERSON'S PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER OR PHYSICIAN, IF THE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER OR PHYSICIAN IS AVAILABLE, WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER ADMINISTERING THE IMMUNIZATION, VACCINE OR EMERGENCY MEDICATION AND AS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.
- 2. REPORT INFORMATION TO ANY ADULT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM OR VACCINE REGISTRY ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.
- 3. MAINTAIN A RECORD OF THE IMMUNIZATION PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 13. ARTICLE 7.1 AND AS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.
- 4. PARTICIPATE IN ANY FEDERAL VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM OR SUCCESSOR DATABASE.
- E. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION CREATES A CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST A PATIENT'S PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER FOR ANY ADVERSE REACTION, COMPLICATION OR NEGATIVE OUTCOME ARISING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY IMMUNIZATION, VACCINE OR EMERGENCY MEDICATION BY A PHARMACIST TO A PATIENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- F. THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES OR IMMUNIZATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION REGARDING:

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- 1. PROTOCOLS THAT ARE BASED ON PROTOCOLS APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND ANY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDING PROTOCOLS.
  - 2. RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.
- 3. REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR PHARMACIST CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- 4. VACCINE INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR THOSE REQUESTING VACCINES AND IMMUNIZATIONS.
- 5. THE ADMINISTRATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- G. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, BY RULE, SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF IMMUNIZATIONS OR VACCINES THAT MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY A PHARMACIST ONLY PURSUANT TO A PRESCRIPTION ORDER. IN ADOPTING AND MAINTAINING THIS LIST, THE DEPARTMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE RULE MAKING REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 41, CHAPTER 6. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT ITS INITIAL RULES WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD AND SHALL HOLD ONE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE IMPLEMENTING THE RULES AND ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES. THE LIST SHALL INCLUDE THOSE IMMUNIZATIONS OR VACCINES LISTED IN THE UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S RECOMMENDED ADULT IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE OR RECOMMENDED BY THE UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S HEALTH INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL THAT HAVE ADVERSE REACTIONS THAT COULD CAUSE SIGNIFICANT HARM TO A PATIENT'S HEALTH. PHARMACIST MAY NOT ADMINISTER IMMUNIZATIONS OR VACCINES WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION ORDER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT HAS ESTABLISHED THE LIST PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION. THE BOARD MAY NOT AUTHORIZE A PHARMACIST TO ADMINISTER NEW IMMUNIZATIONS OR VACCINES WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION ORDER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT REVIEWS THE NEW IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINES TO DETERMINE IF THEY SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE LIST ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION.
- H. THE BOARD MAY APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN ADOPTING AND AMENDING RULES AND DEVELOPING PROTOCOLS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF IMMUNIZATIONS. VACCINES AND EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.
- I. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY MEDICATION" MEANS EMERGENCY EPINEPHRINE AND DIPHENHYDRAMINE.
  - Sec. 2. Section 36-135, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 36-135. Child immunization reporting system; requirements: access; confidentiality; immunity; violation;

## <u>classification</u>

- A. The child immunization reporting system is established in the department to collect, store, analyze, release and report immunization data.
- B. Beginning on January 1, 1998, a health care professional who is licensed under title 32 to provide immunizations shall, except as provided in subsection I, SHALL report the following information:

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- 1. The health care professional's name, business address and business telephone number.
- 2. The child's name, address, the child's social security number if known and not confidential, gender, date of birth and mother's maiden name.
  - 3. The type of vaccine administered and the date it is administered.
- C. The health care professional may submit this information to the department on a weekly or monthly basis by telephone, facsimile, mail, computer or any other method prescribed by the department.
- D. Except as provided in subsection I, the department shall release identifying information only to the child's PERSON'S health care professional, parent, OR guardian, health care service SERVICES organization, the Arizona health care cost containment system and its providers as defined in title 36, chapter 29 OF THIS TITLE, or a school official who is authorized by law to receive and record immunization records. The department may, by rule, MAY release immunization information to persons for a specified purpose. The department may release nonidentifying summary statistics.
- E. Identifying information in the system is confidential. A person who is authorized to receive confidential information under subsection D shall not disclose this information to any other person.
- F. A health care professional who provides information in good faith pursuant to this section is not subject to civil or criminal liability.
- G. A health care professional who does not comply with the requirements of this section violates a law or task applicable to the practice of medicine and COMMITS an act of unprofessional conduct.
- H. Any agency or person receiving confidential information from the system who subsequently discloses that information to any other person is guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor.
- I. At the request of the PERSON, OR IF THE PERSON IS A CHILD THE child's parent or guardian, the department of health services shall provide a form to be signed that allows confidential immunization information to be withheld from all persons including persons authorized to receive confidential information pursuant to subsection D. If the request is delivered to the health care professional prior to the immunization, the health care professional shall not forward the information required under subsection B to the department.

## Sec. 3. <u>Immunizations and vaccines advisory committee:</u> membership: duties

A. The board of pharmacy shall appoint an immunizations and vaccines advisory committee to assist the board in adopting and amending rules and developing protocols relating to the administration of immunizations, vaccines and emergency medications and certification requirements pursuant to section 32-1974, Arizona Revised Statutes. The advisory committee shall also make recommendations to the department of health services regarding the list required pursuant to that section.

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- B. The advisory committees shall include the following members who have significant experience and expertise in immunizations or vaccines:
  - 1. Two pharmacists who are licensed pursuant to this chapter.
- 2. One physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who specializes in primary care.
- 3. One physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who specializes in primary care.
- 4. One registered nurse who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 15, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who has prescribing and dispensing authority.
- 5. One physician assistant who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 25, Arizona Revised Statutes.
- 6. One representative from a nonprofit immunization organization that works to establish a comprehensive, sustained community program for the immunization of the citizens of this state.
- C. Advisory committee members are not eligible for compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

Sec. 4. <u>Delayed repeal</u>

Section 3 of this act, relating to the immunizations and vaccines advisory committee, is repealed from and after December 31, 2011.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JULY 10, 2009.

FIRED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JULY 10, 2009.